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Dear Joshua:

Kiyoshi's results are quite promising. I am interested in investigating the supposedly 'incomplete' PGal enzyme by exchange method (Cl4-labelled Gal-1-P) and by serological method, i.e., can transconfiguration develop antigenic protein which will give rise to anti-PGal transferase.

Is the difference between Gl-, G6-, G7- based exclusively on recombination percentages with respect to Gal+? I know that in the galactosemic cases which we have tried, the exchange reaction is also out. We have now an interesting case of a transfusion and I want to see whether the child's plasma contains anti PGal transferase. We can virtually follow the fate of donor cells by the falling titer of PGal enzyme, just like Shemin & London could use Cl4 glycine.

See you at Johns Hopkins.

Sincerely,

Herman M. Kackar

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